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Opponents drop request to stop construction of Maury Island dock **Federal court motion for preliminary injunction withdrawn**

SEATTLE – Opponents of a dock being built to barge sand and gravel from Maury Island have withdrawn a motion in U. S. District Court for a preliminary injunction to stop construction. This decision came after the Court issued a ruling denying opponents’ motion for a temporary restraining order (TRO) to stop construction. Earlier this month, opponents of the dock had also made and lost in state court a request for a preliminary injunction to stop construction.

“The measures that we have in place to protect the environment and orcas are working and there is no risk to orcas from dock construction activities,” said Pete Stoltz, Glacier Northwest’s permit coordinator. “We have in place an effective monitoring system to watch for orcas, and in December we observed orcas in the project vicinity only twice. If there are orcas in the project vicinity, we shutdown those activities that might affect them. We are serious about completing this project in an environmentally responsible way, and all the agencies that have reviewed and approved this project have recognized and approved our efforts to do so. It is unfortunate that this project, which benefits the public as well as Glacier, has been repeatedly mischaracterized by its opponents.”

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